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SUBJECT: CENTRAL ASIA/TURKMENISTAN: UK PRIORITIES IN CENTRAL ASIA REFLECTED IN POSITIVE TURKMEN VISIT

Classified By: Political Counselor Richard Mills, reasons 1.4 (b/d).

- 11. (C) The head of Turkmenistan's National Institute of Democracy and Human Rights in the Office of the President, Shirin Ahmedova, and the Tu
- 12. (C) Cullens said the Turkmen visit reflected HMG's priorities for Central Asia: promotion of human rights and democracy, energy sector secu Kazakhstan and the IAEA ------
- 13. (C) Discussing other specific HMG assistance to the region, Cullens said the UK has repeatedly offered Kazakhstan assistance in its role as Uzbekistan and Afghan Security ------
- 14. (C) As an aside, Cullens also said HMG does not support the Uzbeki call for a 6 plus 3 (neighboring countries plus the US, Russia, and NATC